

Gibson County Council Regular Session Minutes March 14, 2023

The Gibson County Council met in Regular Session on March 14, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the North Annex Meeting Room.

Council Members Present: President, Jeremy Overton; Vice President, Derek McGraw; and Council Members: Jeff Clark, Jay Riley, Robert Schleiter, Michael Stilwell, and Hannah Whitehead

Also present were Auditor Watkins, 1st Deputy to Auditor, Kristy York, and 2nd Deputy to Auditor, Wendy Williams

The Council opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Approval of Minutes – February 14, 2023, minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer and Clerk’s Reports - The Council acknowledged all reports, as the Clerk had two reports and the Treasurer had one.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Health Department – Administrator Shade gave Council their monthly reports. She told the Council they had been interviewing for the retiring Sanitarian position; the health board has hired a replacement and this person will be able to attend the state training and begin employment toward the end of March, 2023. Councilman Clark would like to see the retiring Sanitarian on contract for a year or so, as the new employee will have a lot to learn.

Extension Office - Abby Heidenreich is the Ag/Natural Resources Extension Educator. She told the Council they have 440 4-H enrollees with 102 adult volunteers. She briefed the Council on extension office activities. She also brought the Council the annual impact report that Purdue distributes.

Sheriff’s Department – Sheriff Vanoven told Council the average number of incarcerated inmates is 95. He apprised the Council of the implementation of the new drug/alcohol program, in which, they already have participants. A part-time cleaning person has been hired to be better stewards of the facilities. Sheriff Vanoven requests a de appropriation of a line item titled “matron” in the Jail, as he wishes to do away with this paid position. He wishes to add the de appropriated money into an appropriation in the Sheriff’s department budget titled “patrol officers”. He is not requesting any extra money, only moving from one department to another. He hopes this will reduce overtime and lessen the workload on the officers to better serve the Citizens of the County.

OLD BUSINESS

Jail Project –George Ballard, Owners Representative recognized Duke Energy for going above and beyond their call of duty. They came in and moved some lines so work could continue moving forward and all without any fees to the County. George feels things are progressing as they should be. He also feels the ground stabilization has helped the project keep moving in wet weather events. Rebar is being delivered and the foundation will soon begin.

Waiver of \$1,000 for Incoming GIS Director – This new GIS Director will begin with the same wage as the outgoing Director; they have the same degree, experience, and certifications.

Council Member Riley made a motion to waive the reduced \$1000 in salary for new employees, seconded by Council Member Schleter. The vote was 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Request to Advertise for Additional Appropriations

Fund 1112 EDIT 40000 Capital Outlays \$42,000

Council Member McGraw motioned to approve advertisement of the additional appropriation in EDIT, seconded by Council Member Riley. The vote was 7-0.

Fund 2502 Prosecutor’s Deferral Fund 30000 Other Services/Charges \$ 9,000

This fund requires Council approval only.

Council Member McGraw motioned to approve advertisement of the additional appropriation in Prosecutor’s Deferral Fund, seconded by Council Member Riley. The vote was 7-0.

Fund 1000-0005 Sheriff 10000 Personal Services \$47,820

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Fund 1000-0380 Jail 10000 Personal Services -\$47,820

Council Member McGraw motioned to approve advertisement of the additional appropriation/de appropriation in the General Fund, seconded by Council Member Riley. The vote was 7-0.

Council Member McGraw motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes from the March 14, 2023, meeting



Jeremy Overton, President




Derek McGraw, Vice- President




Jeff Clark, Council Member



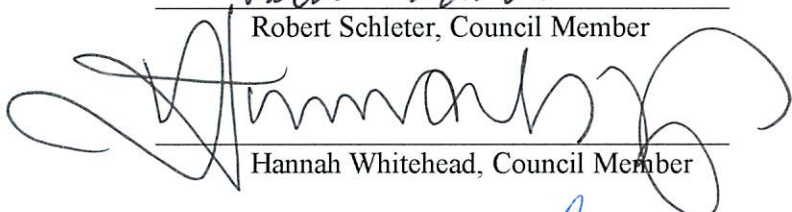
Jay Riley, Council Member



Robert Schleter, Council Member



Michael Stilwell, Council Member



Hannah Whitehead, Council Member

Attest: 

Michael A. Watkins, Gibson County Auditor

